#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 Notice PM-2297

For: FSA Offices

# Announcing 2001 FSA Administrator's Awards for Service to Agriculture (AASA) Awardees

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Management

### 1 Announcing AASA Awardees

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# **Background**

AASA is the highest recognition that FSA can bestow upon an individual or group of individuals. This year's AASA's were introduced in Notice PM-2263.

AASA links performance awards with service to agriculture and USDA Honor Awards. Any individual or group of individuals receiving:

- a quality step increase, a monetary award, or a time-off award within the past year should be considered for nomination for AASA
- AASA will automatically be considered for nomination for a USDA Honor Award.

B Purpose

This notice announces this year's Administrator's awardees. See Exhibit 1.

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January 1, 2003	All FSA Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C AASA Categories

AASA categories are as follows:

- expanding economic trade opportunities for agricultural producers and other rural residents
- promoting health by providing access to safe, affordable, and nutritious food
- maintaining and enhancing the nation's natural resources and environment
- enhancing the capacity of all rural residents, communities, and businesses to prosper
- operating an efficient, effective, and discrimination-free environment
- heroism and emergency response.

#### **AASA Categories and Awardees**

### Expanding Economic Trade Opportunities for U.S. Agricultural Products

Jean P. Giuliani (Farm Loan Manager, Puerto Rico)

#### Maintaining and Enhancing the Nation's Natural Resources and Environment

Conservation Resource Enhancement Program Communications Team:

Daniel Stuart, Eric Parsons, Jillene Johnson, Robert Stephenson, Harry Millner, Mike Linsenbigler, Stephen Gilmore, Charles Chadwell, Agnes Bush, Scott Widmeyer, Joseph Clayton, Scott Ward, Jerome Uher, Emily Edwards, May Baccari, and Scot Christenson

### Enhancing the Capacity of All Rural Residents, Communities, and Businesses to Prosper

John L. Riff, Jr. (CED, NH)

Tobacco Loss Assistance Program 2000 Task Force:

Misty Jones, Rebecca Harrington, Ann Wortham, Tom Burgess, James Shonkwiler, Thanh Hua, Dennis Reynolds, David Weakland, Gary Ewan, Doug Scheidegger, Carol Drysdale, Rose Roos, Jean Morford, Norma Erwin, Mary Sebben, Monica Goulden, Donald Dunn, Jeraldine Kenan, John Goff, Vickie Johnson, Rhonda McQueen, and Thomas Laney Jr.

# Operating an Efficient, Effective, and Discrimination-Free Organization

Melodie A. Bailey (Program Technician, WV)

Linda Grames (AO, NH)

Automated Staffing Processes:

Gary Hilding, Karen Mansker, Debra Schmidt, Vera Byers, Vickie Schofield, Maria Rinaldi, Catherine Rogers, and Sandra Gibbs

Boone County, Iowa FSA Office:

Kevin McClure, Robert Anderson, Courtney Dixon, Dianna Anderson, Heidi Blair, Carol Van Pelt, Barbara Heerstrom, Sharon Cozart, A R Morgan, Harley Saunders, Vernon Zanker, and Jo Ann Zunkel

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#### **AASA Categories and Awardees (Continued)**

Bulk Donation Purchases/Sugar Disposition Group:

Janet Cleveland, Vicky Anderson, Julia Battershell, Debbie Scullen, Laurel Scott, Jane Schmidtke, Joni Little, Mary Chapman, Lowell Sims, Lance Simson, and David Kirkland

Clay County, Mississippi FSA Office:

Ralph Weems Jr., Ralph Dexter, Barbara Wooten, Joe Coleman, Yevonne Prewitt, Mary Gwathney, Barbara Spraggins, and Sherry Dragoo

#### Compliance Branch:

Rebecca Davis, Clayton Lagasse, James Baxa, Amy Kriskovich, Jan Jamrog, Frances Williams, Helen Mathew, and Sharon Biastock

Emergency Preparedness and Programs Branch:

Lynn Tjeerdsma, Virgil Ireland, Carla Hill, Kay Niner, Mabelene Collins, Elsie Williams, Dolores Painter, Helen Smith, Leslie Thomas, and Ray McIlwain

FSA AS/400 Implementation Team:

Jess Acosta, Kent Armstrong, Richard Reavis, Harold Krueger, and Jayne Fern

FSA/KC IT Contracting Team:

Jess Acosta, Armenda Nichols, Julie Hilding, and Delia Downer

New Mexico District 1 Employees:

Andrew Flores, Felix Aguilar, Imelda Chavez, Eduardo Flores, Joilynn Garcia, Mary Gurule, Joyce Hodgin, Oliver Jenkins, Sheryl LaRue, William Mackrain, Anna Martinez, Nancy Newland, John Perea, Rosalie Ramirez, John Sakasitz, Larry Sanchez, and Lloyd Wilhelm

USDA Service Center Information Management System Team:

Sandy Bryant, Loretta Baxa, Jerry Epting, Alison Groenwoldt, Mike Sienkiewicz, Deb Krusemark, Craig McCain, Ron Russell, Mike Sander, Rosemary Hall, Rebecka Gaskill, Sharon Lovelace, Charles Schleper, Carol Drysdale, Michele Davidson, Cheryl Holloway, and Garland Rankine

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## **AASA Categories and Awardees (Continued)**

# Heroism and Emergency Response

Klamath Basin Emergency Team/Klamath Basin Project:

Robert Stephenson, Ilka Gray, Catherine Kascak, James Williams, Larry Plumb, Robert Reed II, Joseph Ulics, Christopher Lauppe, Denise Martin, Fred Ringer, Mike Linsenbigler, Mike Gurwitz, Marianne Sword, John Smythe, Larry Frey, Harvey Bush, Dorothy Skull, Anna Fleming, Linda Watson, Lindsey Miles, Rowena Chase, Josh Hanning, Christan Bingaman, Marlene Hamilton, and Yvonne Chorak